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MARCH 11 "LA TERCERA" CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH USG LAWYER FOR  
CASE, ALFREDO ETCHEBERRY. INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE:

Q. WHAT IS SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR APPOINTMENT?

A. THAT THE USG HAS THE GREATEST INTEREST IN RAPIDLY CARRYING  
OUT THE JUDICIAL ACTION RELATIVE TO THE LETTERS ROGATORY.

Q. WHAT IS THE JURIDICAL BASIS FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT?

A. IT IS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS CHILEAN  
LAW, THAT PERMIT  
THE COUNTRY OR COURT THAT SENDS LETTERS ROGATORY  
TO NAME A LAWYER.

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Q. WHAT WILL YOU DO SPECIFICALLY?

A. MY TASK WILL BE TO SEND TO THE JUDGE OF THE FIRST CRIMINAL  
COURT THE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY: TO PRESENT  
PETITIONS, PROVIDE NEW INFORMATION, EVERYTHING THAT A LAWYER  
NORMALLY DOES IN RELATION TO A SPECIFIC CASE.

Q. WILL YOU OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE JUDGE OF THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT AND OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE?

A. NO. IT IS ABSURD TO SUGGEST SUCH A THING  
I WILL COOPERATE  
WITH THE COURT RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSONS WHOSE TESTIMONY IS REQUIRED. THEN, IF THEIR IDENTITIES ARE ESTABLISHED, THAT THEY COME BEFORE THE COURT AND ANSWER IN THE MOST COMPLETE MANNER POSSIBLE THE QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE LETTERS ROGATORY. ACCORDINGLY, I WILL WORK WITH THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE AND NOT WITH THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE MURDER OF LETELIER AND MISS (SIC) MOFFITT. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO, JUST AS THE LETTERS ROGATORY HAVE NOTHING TO DO, WITH THE FALSIFICATION OF PASSPORTS OR WITH THE IMPROPER USE OF SUCH PASSPORTS. THAT IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHILEANS.

Q. PHOTOS ACCOMPANIED THE LETTERS ROGATORY. ARE THEY THE SAME AS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS?

A. I ONLY KNOW THE TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT. I HAVE NOT SEEN THE PHOTOS.

Q. WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE LETTERS ROGATORY?

A. THE TEXT DOES NOT HAVE QUESTIONS. THE QUESTIONS ARE CONTAINED  
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IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE. I AM AWARE OF THE QUESTIONS BUT I CANNOT SPELL THEM OUT.

Q. WHAT TIME LIMIT IS THERE FOR THE INVESTIGATION?

A. THERE IS NOT A FIXED TIME LIMIT. INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM SAYS THAT THE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT. BUT, APPARENTLY, HERE THINGS ARE GOING TO TAKE LONGER THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE DEVELOPING.

Q. ARE YOU INFORMED ON THE INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES?

A. YES, BUT I CANNOT DISCUSS THEM.

Q. TOWNLEY APPARENTLY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JUAN WILLIAMS ROSE. ARE YOU GOING TO ASK THAT HE BE QUESTIONED?

A. I HAVE NOT YET MET WITH THE JUDGE OF THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACTIONS SHE IS CARRYING OUT. I WILL SEE IF IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CALL TOWNLEY TO TESTIFY.

Q. WHAT WAS THE PROCESS OF YOUR DESIGNATION?

A. THE DESIGNATION IS DATED MARCH 10. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES SENT A NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SAYING THAT I HAD BEEN NAMED AND ASKING THAT IT INFORM THE SUPREME COURT. I DON'T KNOW IF ALL OF THIS HCS BEEN DONE.

Q. WHY WERE YOU CHOSEN?

A. YOU WILL HAVE TO ASK THAT OF THE EMBASSN. I AM NOT THE PERSON WHO CAN ANSWER THAT.

END QUOTE.

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